

[0075] FPC can be bonded using 0.125 thick (max) ACF to the columns and rows on either side of glass subassembly 976. Substantially transparent PSA 914 of 0.125 thickness can be used to bond glass subassembly 976 to LCD module 910, which can include polarizer layer 915 and liquid crystals 917.

[0076] FIG. 10 illustrates an exemplary touch screen sensor panel stackup with columns that can be formed on the back side of a cover glass and rows that can be formed on the top side of a separate glass substrate according to one embodiment of this invention.

[0077] FIG. 10 shows window 1016 that can be formed in 0.9 PC housing 1018. Within window 1016 can be a stack-up in which the column traces can be formed on the back side of a cover glass and row traces can be formed on the top side of a separate PET film. Substantially transparent glass subassembly 1082 can have a stackup of layers that can include, in order from top to bottom, substantially transparent AG coating 1013 (shown as a dashed line at the top of the subassembly), substantially transparent 0.5 borosilicate or aluminum silicate glass, black mask (in limited areas), and substantially transparent conductive material such as patterned ITO (15 ohm max, with 0.3 lines and 0.030 spaces) that can be formed as columns. Substantially transparent glass subassembly 1084 can have a stackup of layers that can include, in order from top to bottom, substantially transparent conductive material such as patterned ITO (15 ohm max, with 0.3 lines and 0.030 spaces) formed as columns, substantially transparent 0.5 borosilicate or aluminum silicate glass, and a continuous sheet of substantially transparent ITO (500 ohm max). The two layers of patterned substantially transparent conductive material can be of the same or different composition. Glass subassemblies 1082 and 1084 can be bonded together with substantially transparent PSA 1008. Note that the patterned ITO layers are symbolically illustrated in FIG. 10 as dashed lines representing patterning 1064 and 1086. Together, glass subassembly 1082 through glass subassembly 1084, and any intervening layers, can form the touchscreen.

[0078] FPCs can be bonded using 0.125 thick (max) ACF to the back side of glass subassembly 1082 and the top side of glass subassembly 1084. Substantially transparent PSA 1014 of 0.125 thickness can be used to bond glass subassembly 1084 to LCD module 1010, which can include a 0.2 polarizer layer 1015 and liquid crystals 1017. The complete assembly can then be mounted into window 1016 in housing 1018. Note that when the complete assembly is mounted in housing 1018, glass subassembly 1082 can be either even with or slightly recessed (0.3 Z step) from the top of the window.

[0079] FIGS. 11a-11c illustrate various exemplary touch screen sensor panel stackups with columns and rows that can be formed on opposite sides of a single substrate according to one embodiment of this invention.

[0080] FIG. 11a shows an approximately 0.9 substantially transparent PC housing 1118. Substantially transparent hard film or glass 1188 and blackmask 1190 (in limited areas) can be inserted into the mold when the housing 1118 is being injection-molded to provide a hard surface and hiding properties (where the blackmask is placed). Bonded to housing 1118 using 0.100 substantially transparent PSA 1108 can be a stack-up in which the column traces and row traces can be formed on opposite sides of a single substrate. Substantially transparent glass subassembly 1176 can have a stackup of layers that can include, in order from top to bottom, substantially transparent conductive material such as patterned ITO

(15 ohm max, with 0.3 lines and 0.030 spaces) formed as columns, substantially transparent 0.5 borosilicate or aluminum silicate glass, and substantially transparent conductive material such as patterned ITO (75 ohm max, with 5.0 lines and 0.050 spaces) formed as rows. The two layers of patterned substantially transparent conductive material can be of the same or different composition. Note that the patterned ITO layers are symbolically illustrated in FIG. 11a as dashed lines representing patterning 1178 and 1180.

[0081] FPCs can be bonded using 0.125 thick (max) ACF to the columns and rows on either side of glass subassembly 1176. Substantially transparent PSA 1114 of 0.100 thickness can be used to bond glass subassembly 1176 to LCD module 1110, which can include polarizer layer 1115 and liquid crystals 1117.

[0082] FIG. 11b is similar to FIG. 11a, except that hard film or glass and blackmask are not formed in the housing 1118.

[0083] FIG. 11c is similar to FIG. 1b, except that glass subassembly 1176 is not fully laminated to LCD module 1110. Instead, air gap 1120 can be formed between them, and a ring of Poron 1122 can be formed around the perimeter of glass subassembly 1176.

[0084] FIG. 12 illustrates a side view of an exemplary FPC stackup according to one embodiment of this invention. FIG. 12 shows an FPC stackup for the thin wings or strips on the FPCs that can include release liner 1210, 0.025 ACF and PSA 1208, 0.012 via plating 1206, 0.018 copper 1204, 0.012 adhesive for the copper 1202, 0.025 polyamide substrate 1212, 0.012 adhesive for the copper 1202, 0.018 copper 1204, 0.012 via plating 1206, 0.025 ACF and PSA 1208, and release liner 1210.

[0085] FIGS. 13a and 13b illustrate top views of an exemplary FPC design according to one embodiment of this invention. FIG. 13a shows an ACF-side view of the FPC that connects to the drive rows, including ACF pads 1306 at which the FPC can be bonded to the glass substrate using ACF 1302 that can be 0.5 wide and 0.025 thick. However, traces 1304 having 0.100 widths and 0.100 spacing can be bonded to the glass substrate using insulating PSA 1308 that can be 1.3 wide and 0.025 thick. FIG. 13b shows the non-ACF-side top view of the FPC traces that can connect to the drive rows, including traces 1304 that can be covered by insulating PSA 1308, 0.018 thick.

[0086] FIG. 14 illustrates top views of exemplary FPC designs for connecting to the rows and columns of the sensor panel according to one embodiment of this invention. FIG. 14 shows detail of drive FPC 1402 and sense FPC 1400, including drive flex tail 1404 and zero insertion force (ZIF) connector 1406.

[0087] FIG. 15 illustrates a side view of an exemplary FPC stackup according to one embodiment of this invention. FIG. 15 shows FPC drive layer stackup 1500 for the thin wings or strips on the FPCs that can include 0.012 coverlay 1514, 0.012 adhesive 1502, 0.025 ACP 1508, 0.012 via plating 1506, 0.018 copper 1504, 0.012 adhesive for the copper 1502, 0.025 polyamide substrate 1512, 0.012 adhesive for the copper 1502, 0.018 copper 1504, 0.012 via plating 1506, 0.012 adhesive 1502, and 0.012 coverlay 1514.

[0088] FIGS. 16a-16c illustrate top views of an exemplary FPC design according to one embodiment of this invention. FIG. 16a shows a non-ACF-side view 1600 of the FPC that can connect to the drive rows, including ACF pads 1606 having ACP of 0.025 thickness at which the FPC can be bonded to the glass substrate. However, traces 1610 having